

increase profit at the expense of consumer safety, leading to significant government regulations that curbed corporate misconduct and saved lives.

In 1962, he broke the story of how FDA scientist Frances Kelsey had discovered the dangers of the drug Thalidomide, which led to the last-minute banning of the drug from entering the US market and likely avoiding thousands of horrifying birth defects as were experienced in Europe. In the late 1960s, Mr. Mintz chronicled the inadequate testing of the original birth control pills and, years later, tracked the story of how a pharmaceutical corporation willfully ignored the safety hazards of the contraceptive Dalkon Shield, causing serious injury to thousands of women. He broke the extraordinary story of General Motors' corporate surveillance of Ralph Nader, the automaker's biggest public critic. He wrote about how profit driven decisions in the infant formula business led to great harm in impoverished populations with limited access to safe drinking water. And he reckoned with difficult and indigestible truths, such as in a 1983 exclusive interview with Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy, who had served in the Roosevelt administration, where he revealed some of the story behind the refusal of the United States during World War II to bomb the rail lines transporting Holocaust victims to the Birkenau or the Auschwitz concentration camps.

Following his retirement from the Washington Post in 1988, Mr. Mintz continued his work as a journalist and media critic. In 1993, he exposed the failure of the American Civil Liberties Union to inform its members that it accepted money from the tobacco industry and, under the guise of defending free speech, also actively opposed legislation that would ban or limit tobacco advertising and promotion. In 1999, he wrote media criticism for *Tompaine.com*. "Mort Wants to Know," and posed questions that the press should be asking of presidential and congressional candidates in the 2000 national elections. A Senior Advisor to the Nieman Watchdog Project for many years, he also contributed commentary to *niemanwatchdog.org* on vital topics including military spending, congressional ethics and oversight, single payer health insurance, pharmaceutical pricing, executive pay, corporate welfare and the corporate shield that protects executives from punishment for their decisions to market products known to be harmful, as well as tough questions that reporters should be asking legislators and corporate executives. He served as chair of The Fund for Investigative Journalism for three years and on the board of Project on Government Oversight (POGO).

Mr. Mintz was an active member of the Washington-Baltimore News Guild. His best-selling book "America, Inc.: Who Owns and Operates the United States," written with the late Jerry S. Cohen, demonstrated the pervasive and often hidden influence of corporate power. Mintz and Cohen later co-wrote "Power, Inc.: Public and Private Rulers and How to Make Them Accountable," continuing their investigation of the pernicious impact of unaccountable power in the interlocking corporate and government realms. Mr. Mintz's other books include "The Therapeutic Nightmare," "By Prescription Only," "The Pill: An Alarming Report" and "At Any Cost: Corporate Greed, Women, and the Dalkon Shield." He received many prestigious journalism awards

including Nieman Fellowship 1964, the Worth Bingham, Heywood Broun, Raymond Clapper and George Polk Memorial Awards, the Columbia Journalism Award, The Playboy Foundation's Hugh M. Hefner First Amendment Award for Lifetime Achievement, (More) Magazine's A.J. Liebling Award, the Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild award for Public Service and for Distinguished Writing and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America Special Literary-Public Service Award.

I have known Morton Mintz since the seventh grade when his son Daniel became one of my closest friends. As kids, we all marveled at Mr. Mintz, an old-fashioned gentleman with a golden pen, rock-ribbed integrity and sparkling intelligence.

I commend Mr. Mintz for his splendid commitment and service to the public interest always—whether the subject be consumer safety, corporate and government accountability, or the truth about humanity's wars—through his many decades of extraordinary investigative reporting, I am proud to share a small piece of his story with my colleagues and the nation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Morton Mintz on the occasion of his 100th birthday for his exceptional service to our nation, both as a patriot in uniform and as a crusading investigative reporter in love with the truth.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF PASTOR LEON JONES

**HON. JEFF DUNCAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 28, 2022*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great friend, Pastor Leon Jones of First Baptist Church of Ware Shoals in Ware Shoals, SC, on his retirement. During his nearly twenty-five years of service, Pastor Jones has been a spiritual leader of the community and continues to put others before himself.

Ware Shoals First Baptist Church was founded in 1908 and has seen sixteen pastors in its time. Pastor Jones will retire as the longest serving pastor of the church, with nearly twenty-five years of service to the church and the community. His ministry came to Ware Shoals First Baptist Church in 1997, and I, along with many others in the Third District of South Carolina, have been personally impacted by his message of faith.

When I think of Pastor Jones, I am reminded of Jeremiah 3:15: "Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." Pastor Jones is a shepherd and teacher in his community, and his compassion and love for others has been exemplified through his service to Ware Shoals First Baptist Church.

After his retirement, Pastor Jones will settle in Elgin, SC, with his wife. There is no doubt in my mind that he will continue to be a leader in ministry and change the lives of everyone he meets. His unconditional love for others reflects the Lord in every way. I am grateful to call Pastor Jones my friend and to have attended First Baptist Church of Ware Shoals while he served.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to serve the Third District of South Carolina and to honor

those, like Pastor Jones, who have made an immeasurable impact on communities, like Ware Shoals, SC, in faith.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY DiPACE

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 28, 2022*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today and ask the House to observe the passing of a true gentleman and public-spirited citizen of the State of Connecticut, Mr. Anthony "Tony" DiPace. After a courageous battle with cancer, Tony unfortunately passed on from this earth on January 22, 2022, at the age of 62.

Born in Hartford in 1960 to Concetta and Angela DiPace, Tony was ingrained with the Connecticut spirit since birth. It was not long after his entry into this world, however, that tragedy was forced upon him with the loss of his mother, resulting in an early transition into the loving Wee and Rose Crowley household based in Enfield, Connecticut. Both out of this loss and his fostering under the Crowleys, Tony gained an early understanding to the importance of discovering one's own roots and connecting with those who surround us in our daily lives. It was therefore without question that upon graduating Fermi High School in 1978, Tony saw the value in keeping close to the town that raised him and went on to graduate at the top of his class from United Technical School in Springfield, Massachusetts just a stone's throw away from Enfield.

Armed with his certification as a master mechanic, Tony quickly became an integral part of his hometown, opening his own automotive business, "Hazard Motors." Though he kept up with the success of his one-stop-shop for more than 34 years in order to build a foundation for his family, he also always put the customer-in-need before himself. Beyond the success of his business, Tony lived a life in constant search for new connections with his neighbors so that, together, they could work to create a more prosperous town for the next generation, including his son, Anthony.

It is with no surprise that a caring man like Tony found time to wear just about every hat in town. Included within his tenured service was 40 years with the Enfield Democratic Town Committee, where he constantly discussed and put forward municipal priorities. His dedication earned him a several stints in both elected and membership positions, including his advocacy as the former Chairman of the Enfield Planning & Zoning Commission as well as his service as the Chair of the Democratic Town Committee. Throughout all of these efforts, his clear and present passion and candid character made him a capable unifying voice in Enfield, which he was most recently recognized for with the William "Red" Edger, Jr. "Democrat of the Year" Award in 2021.

Tony was also sought to establish a positive impact with the town's youth. Whether it was through the local concession stand, as coach for youth teams, or his sponsorship of the youth basketball and baseball programs, it was always Tony's goal to set up the next generation for success, affording them the

same appreciation for the Town which he found while growing up.

Madam Speaker, Tony was purely altruistic, always thinking of those around him and how he could help them. I had the distinct pleasure and honor to know Tony for over 20 years and often had a front-row seat to his fine work in the auto repair business. He always had his sleeves folded up, ready to get into the grease and get the job done in order to excel beyond the needs of the customer. I also know that he was diligent and passionate with his involvement in town affairs and that he poured his heart and soul into any activity laid before him. Through everything he accomplished, whether it was his contributions to the town's economy, through municipal government, or investing in youth activities, it is worth emphasizing that it was always about leaving behind a stronger community for whom Tony considered family. Though this perspective was Tony's guiding North Star throughout his entire life, everything he did, was in some small way tied to leaving Enfield and our State a better place for Anthony.

Madam Speaker, though the Enfield community lost a force for good with the passing of Tony DiPace, we will always find the space to honor his legacy which now thrives through just about every member of the Enfield community. It is also through the roots of the Crowley family that we can entrust Tony's many surviving brothers and sisters—wherever they may reside—to carry his memory forward. To that end, it is with great respect and admiration that I ask my colleagues in the House join me, in addition to all those that will remember Tony DiPace, in honoring his life and impact on his community.

IN RECOGNITION OF NICOLE  
ZERNICK

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 28, 2022*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nicole Zernick as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber's prestigious Judith A. Rossie Educator of the Year Award.

Jodi Rossi was a beloved educator that is honored through an award that represents the importance of having a positive impact on students and our community's school systems. Nicole has served as a key between the business and educational communities in Blair County, and we are proud to applaud her. She has selflessly helped countless high school students take the steps to identify possible career paths through education and encouragement.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Nicole for their tireless efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF ESTHER  
HOPKINS

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 28, 2022*

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Esther Hopkins, the

first African-American Framingham Selectwoman, a chemist, an environmental attorney, and a mother.

Esther Hopkins passed away on May 19, 2021, at the age of 94. Hopkins was born on September 18, 1926, in Stamford, CT. Throughout her life, she broke down barriers, surpassed milestones, and led a life full of notable accomplishments. Hopkins was highly educated, achieving multiple degrees over her lifetime. She received her B.A. from Boston University, her M.A. and M.S. from Howard University, her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School, and her Ph.D. from Yale University. Esther was a chemist, environmental attorney, and elected public official in Framingham. She is remembered for not only those accomplishments but also her consistent respect and kindness towards others.

Following her Ph.D., she was offered a job with the Polaroid Corporation where she led the Emulsion Coating and Analysis Laboratory. Following her time at Polaroid, she joined the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as the Deputy General Counsel, which eventually led to her time as an elected official of Framingham. In 1999, she became the first African-American woman to serve on the Board of Selectmen in Framingham, eventually becoming the chair of the board. Following her time as a Selectwoman, she joined the Keefe Tech Regional Vocational School Committee. Additionally, Esther was involved with the Framingham Finance Commission and Framingham's Tercentennial Celebration. After quite an impressive life and career, Hopkins retired to Martha's Vineyard with son, Ewell Hopkins, Jr.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Esther Hopkins. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing her accomplishments and her life. She will be dearly missed by so many.